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Subject: San Jacinto elected official update for August - Please send your input to me by COB Monday, 9/12
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Here is last month's update:

I. Community Outreach - DONN

The EPA site team met with the Community Awareness Committee on July 20 in Houston to update it on completion of the time critical removal action and next steps. EPA shared the draft Community Involvement Plan with site stakeholders. EPA, in cooperation with state, county and local officials, is planning for the next community engagement meeting in late summer.

II. Source Stabilization -- VAL

Respondents have finished the land placement of armor cap rock on top of Western waste pit cell. As of July 18, a total of 58.698 tons of rock was placed in the armor cap, which is 100% of the entire project. More information about the TCRA is available at www.epaossc.org/SanJacWPremoval. A final inspection is scheduled on Monday, August 1, 2011, which will document to completion of the cap construction. A meeting to discuss the current operation and maintenance (O&M) plan is scheduled for August 3, 2011, with the respondents. The final removal action report is still pending and future cap inspections and monitoring will be begin after the final action report is received and approved by EPA.

III. Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) -- GARY

The Respondents are currently implementing the field sampling plans for the Fate & Transport Model Study, including the collection of upstream sediment load and current velocity data. Data for the low river flow condition has been collected. However, data collection for the high river flow conditions is waiting on a high river flow event. A residential soil sampling plan has been approved. The implementation will begin with obtaining the necessary access permission to sample the residential properties. Sample collection is expected to begin within the next week after obtaining access. The residential sampling includes collection of soil samples from both the east and west sides of the San Jacinto River near the Site for dioxin analysis. Finally, a letter to the Respondents regarding additional sampling in the southern impoundment is now being prepared. The EPA SJRWP website with public information on the RI/FS, TCRA, and Houston/Galveston Bay Watershed and can be found online at: http://www.epa.gov/region6/sf/texas/san_jacinto.

IV. Watershed Management -- KAREN/JESSICA

EPA continues to coordinate with the Port of Houston Authority, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District and the TCEQ. The port and EPA will enter into a Memorandum of Agreement to facilitate the exchange of data to further investigate the SJRWP site and Patrick Bayou and will inform communities in the area. EPA met with the Corps in June and requested data for dredged material deposited on properties near the local communities. TCEQ envisions completing the total maximum daily load for Buffalo Bayou with regard to dioxin/furan by the end of 2012 and will put together a monitoring and



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implementation plan to reduce levels in Buffalo Bayou to within national background levels.

V. Enforcement - JESSICA/ANNE

The potentially responsible party (PRP) group continues to conduct the RI/FS under the Unilateral Administrative Order. The PRP group also continues to conduct the TCRA under an Administrative Order on Consent (AOC). Currently, the PRP group is in violation with the AOC for not performing work in accordance with the December 15, 2010, EPA approved amended Work Schedule. The PRP group is in the process of coming into compliance with the AOC.

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